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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : இந்தத் திட்டத்தில் இல்லே. அதற்கு வேறு திட்டம் இருக்கிறது. இது filaria 'எம்' ஐ 'எஃப்' ஆக்கவேண்டும்.

T.B. Sanatorium at Cuddalore

*a 258 Q.—SRI M. ETHIRAJALU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have given any aid to the T.B. Sanatorium at Cuddalore ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) Yes.

(b) A non-recurring grant of Rs. 36,000 for the construction of certain buildings and the provision of water supply, etc. and a recurring maintenance grant of Rs. 20,000 per annum on a net cost basis have been sanctioned.

SRI M. ETHIRAJALU : சார், தென்னுற்காடு ஜில்லாவில் இந்த க்ஷயரோக ஆஸ்பத்திரிக்காக பொதுமக்கள் பணம் சுமார் 2½ லட்சம் ரூபாய் செலவில் கட்டப்பட்டது. அந்த ஆஸ்பத்திரி தனியார் துறையில் இருப்பதால், போதுமான இடவசதி இருந்தும், க்ஷயரோகம் பிடித்தவர்களுக்கு சிகிச்சை செய்ய முடியாத நிலைமையில் இருப்பதால் அதைக் கமிட்டியார், சர்க்காரே எடுத்து நடத்த வேண்டுமென்று தீர்மானம் போட்டிருக்கிருர்கள். சர்க்கார் அதை எடுத்து நடத்த முன்வருமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : திட்டம் சரியாக வகுக்காமல் இருக்கிறது. பணத்தை எல்லாம் செலவு செய்த பிறகு சும்மாவே அந்தக் கட்டிடம் இருந்தது. பின்னுல் பார்த்த போது 2½ லட்சம் போட்டும் வீணுகிறதே என்று அரசாங்கம் முன் வந்து இந்தமாதிரிப் பணம் கொடுத்து அதை ஆரம்பிக்கிற நிலைமையை ஏற்படுத்தியிருக்கிறது. ஆகையினுலே இன்னும் இருக்கிற நிலைமையைப் பார்த்தால், கடைசியில் கவர்ன்மெண்டே அதை எடுத்துக்கொள்ளும் நிலைமை ஏற்படும் போலிருக்கிறது.

All-India Medical Conference

MR. CHAIRMAN : As the hon. Member Sri Mohamed Raza Khan is not in his seat, the question and the answer there to will be printed in the official report of the proceedings.

*a 262 Q.—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director of Medical Services has issued a circular to all medical officers in the City of Madras to report whether they attended the All-India Medical Conference held at Madras on 16th January 1961; and

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(b) whether any instruction has been issued that permission must be obtained to attend such conferences?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) The Director of Medical Services called for a list of Medical officers who attended the Conference without obtaining the permission of the Government.

(b) Under Government Servants' Conduct Rules, permission of the Government is necessary for attending such Conferences.

Diarrhoea

* [a] 263 *Q*.—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state— 3-10 p.m.

(a) whether the taluks of Polur, Chengam, Tiruvannamalai and Wandiwash in North Arcot district were affected with a peculiar disease in the months of January and February, 1961; and

(b) if so, what it was and the relief and preventive measures taken in this regard?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Diarrhoea with or without vomiting. The public health and medical staff posted to the area are doing inoculation, disinfection, chlorination of water sources and giving treatment to patients.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : This disease is prevalent in four or five taluks for the past four or five months. May I know whether the doctors were of the opinion that it was a contagious disease?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : This disease broke out as a result of the heavy rains in October 1960 and it occurred in some taluks in the North Arcot District and in some taluks of the South Arcot District. The cause for the disease has not been exactly fixed. Yet a similar outbreak occurred in 1940 with all the symptoms that are occurring now. It is inferred that it is due to some form of bacillary dysentery, due to the possibility of infection by flexner group. It is one of the types. This is only a surmise drawn from what occurred in the year 1940. We have not yet exactly fixed the reason for it.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Sir, is it a fact that it is due to the consumption of groundnut cakes, as stated in the papers? May I know how many died of this disease?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Whether the consumption of groundnut cakes is the cause, is all the layman's surmise. Because, even in areas where people have not consumed

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